

1 Sponsored by: Councilmembers Connie Ladenburg and Derek Young
2 Requested by: County Council

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6 **ORDINANCE NO. 2019-6**
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11 **An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Creating a "Birth to 25 Advisory**
12 **Board" for Infant, Child, Youth, and Young Adult**
13 **Development; and Setting a Sunset Date.**
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15 **Whereas**, the development of a child to adulthood spans Birth to 25 years, when
16 the mind and body reach full development; and
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18 **Whereas**, all infants and children go through stages to acquire the aptitude,
19 competencies, values and social skills they need to become successful adults; and
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21 **Whereas**, routine practices of child and youth serving agencies apply knowledge
22 of these stages and other research from the science of development to their practices;
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25 **Whereas**, it is accepted practice to provide positive supports to youth to
26 transition from adolescence to adulthood through the acquisition of pro social skills and
27 supportive positive relationships; and
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29 **Whereas**, efforts to prevent risky behaviors and attitudes in youth should be
30 made available to all youth; and
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32 **Whereas**, there is evidence that youth that have had Adverse Childhood
33 Experiences are disproportionately represented in the criminal justice system; and
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35 **Whereas**, Pierce County is disproportionately represented in the number of
36 dependency terminations and youth admissions to detention facilities; and
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38 **Whereas**, Pierce County is disproportionately represented in incidence of
39 domestic violence and youth suicide; and
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41 **Whereas**, Pierce County exhibits high numbers of youth and families living in
42 poverty and/or experiencing homelessness and other at-risk environments; and
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44 **Whereas**, such disparities as listed above have long-term negative
45 consequences for children, youth, young adults and families in Pierce County; and
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1 **Whereas**, such disparities as listed above disproportionately impact children,
2 youth, young adults and families of color in Pierce County; and

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4 **Whereas**, there is not a comprehensive child and youth development strategic
5 plan to support all healthy youth development across Pierce County; and

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7 **Whereas**, there is a need to improve linkages between agencies, organizations
8 and programs that serve Birth to 25; **Now Therefore**,

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10 **BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:**

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12 Section 1. A "Birth to 25 Advisory Board for Infant, Child, Youth, and Young
13 Adult Development," is hereby created as shown in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto
14 and incorporated herein by reference.

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16 Section 2. This Ordinance shall sunset on December 31, 2021.

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19 PASSED this 2nd day of April, 2019.

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21 ATTEST:

22 **PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL**
23 Pierce County, Washington

24 Denise D. Johnson
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26 **Denise D. Johnson**
27 Clerk of the Council

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30 **Douglas G. Richardson**
31 Council Chair

32 Bruce F. Dammeier
33 **Bruce F. Dammeier**
34 Pierce County Executive
35 Approved Vetoed _____, this
36 5th day of April,
37 2019.

38 Date of Publication of
39 Notice of Public Hearing: April 10, 2019

40 Effective Date of Ordinance: April 15, 2019
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**BIRTH TO 25 ADVISORY BOARD FOR
INFANT, CHILD, YOUTH, AND YOUNG ADULT DEVELOPMENT**

- 7 A. **Created.**
- 8 B. **Purpose.**
- 9 C. **Composition.**
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- 13 G. **Meetings – Rules and Records.**
- 14 H. **Priorities.**
- 15 I. **Recommendations.**
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18 A. **Created.**
 19 The Birth to 25 Advisory Board (B-25 Board) for Infant, Child, Youth, and Young Adult
 20 Development is created and shall hereafter in this Chapter be referred to as the B-25 Board.
 21 The members of the B-25 Board shall be appointed by the Pierce County Executive and
 22 confirmed by a majority of the Pierce County Council, pursuant to Section 3.30 of the
 23 Pierce County Charter.

25 B. **Purpose.**
 26 The B-25 Board shall propose to the County Executive and County Council a long-range
 27 plan with policy, systems, and environmental change recommendations to ensure the
 28 successful development of infants, children, youth and young adults ages Birth to 25. The
 29 B-25 Board will also consider recommendations for seriously disabled up to age 25. The
 30 proposed long-range plan and policy recommendations shall consider and leverage current
 31 research, innovative and promising programs, as well as proven, evidence-based
 32 development strategies likely to be effective in Pierce County.

34 C. **Composition.**
 35 The B-25 Board shall be comprised of 19 members who represent the cultural diversity of
 36 Pierce County, including: seven community members that can represent family perspectives
 37 and viewpoints (one from each of the seven County Council districts); one representative
 38 from a county-wide youth-serving organization; one representative from K-12 education;
 39 one representative from early childhood education; one representative from youth workforce
 40 development; one representative from juvenile justice; one representative from Public
 41 Health; one representative from the Behavioral Health community, including mental health
 42 and substance use disorder services; one representative from a youth housing/homelessness
 43 organization; one representative from the pediatric medical community; one representative
 44 from the faith community; one representative of the special needs community; and one
 45 young adult. The B-25 Board is also encouraged to add non-voting student members.
 46 Preference for young adults in the 18-25 age category and those who have utilized the
 47 above-mentioned services will be given in appointing members.



1 **D. Terms of Office.**

2 Members of the B-25 Board shall serve until the sunset date of December 31, 2021.

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4 **E. Vacancies – Removal from Office.**

5 Vacancies occurring for any reason shall be filled by appointment for the remainder of an
6 unexpired term. The Executive may remove any member of the B-25 Board for inefficiency,
7 neglect of duty, malfeasance, or three unexcused absences in one year, subject to
8 confirmation by a majority of the County Council.

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10 **F. Officers – Quorum – Voting Privileges.**

11 The B-25 Board shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from among its members. A quorum of
12 the B-25 Board for the purposes of transacting business shall be 10 members. Each member
13 of the B-25 Board shall be entitled to one vote on any matter duly before the body.
14 Members shall abstain from voting on matters that create a conflict of interest with their
15 professional role or with the organization they represent.

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17 **G. Meetings – Rules and Records.**

18 The B-25 Board shall meet at least quarterly. All meetings shall be open to the public. The
19 B-25 Board shall adopt Rules before it transacts business, and a current copy of the Rules
20 shall be provided to the Pierce County Executive and the Clerk of the Pierce County
21 Council. The B-25 Board shall keep written minutes of its meetings and make those minutes
22 available to all active members of the B-25 Board and to the public.

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24 **H. Priorities.**

25 The work of the B-25 Board will include proposing a long-range plan and policy
26 recommendations focused on achieving equity and in accordance with its purpose; aligning
27 the County's plan with new, innovative and existing programs; and other work as
28 determined by stakeholders, the County Executive and the County Council. The B-25 Board
29 will adopt a pro-social approach that engages children, youth and young adults throughout
30 the age spectrum of Birth to 25 within families, their communities, schools, justice systems,
31 health systems, nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, and peer groups. The
32 B-25 Board is encouraged to research and align its efforts with other compatible culturally
33 appropriate initiatives and other innovative, promising and best practices in child, youth,
34 and young adult development.

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36 **I. Recommendations.**

37 Proposals and policy recommendations shall be accomplished in the following manner:

- 38 1. All proposals and policy recommendations shall be in writing and shall contain specific
39 issues raised by the B-25 Board and be directed to the Pierce County Executive and the
40 County Council for potential action.
 - 41 2. At least once annually, the B-25 Board shall submit to the Pierce County Executive and
42 the County Council written proposals and policy recommendations preceding the
43 County's budget adoption process.
 - 44 3. All written proposals and recommendations shall specify the B-25 Board's vote on the
45 issue.
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J. Staff Support.

The Pierce County Human Services Community Development Division may hire a consultant to facilitate the work of the Board as funded in the County budget.

